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1. On 20 April 1949, [REDACTED] stated to a small circle of intimates that 25X1X the SPD would agree to the formation of an all German government only on condition that complete political freedom would be guaranteed in the Russian Zone by the occupying powers. He specifically stated that the guarantee must include secret elections, full press freedom regarding the constitution of the SPD in the Russian Zone under current Berlin leaders, i.e. Ernst Reuter and Franz Neumann.
2. The SPD would not consider joining coalitions, party fronts, and united election lists in the Russian Zone.
3. Current negotiations on the possible lifting of the blockade do not have the slightest effect toward a change in the SPD attitude on the above principles.
- [REDACTED] Comment: The SPD leadership does not expect that the guarantees outlined above will be granted and it will continue to proceed with the formation of a Western German government.)

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